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1. Between 10 and 13 July 1955, air activity by two to four Po-2s was daily observed at Schoenwalde airfield. On 19 July, short local flights were made at night. There are at least 6 Po 2s stationed at the airfield. 25X1

2. The following air activity was observed:

11 August. At about 0800, air activity by 5 Po-2s began. The first three planes took off at short intervals, flew several circles in the vicinity of the airfield and assembled to flight formation. The last two Po-2s practiced take-offs and landings during the same period. After 15 minutes, the first 3 Po-2s landed at short intervals and took off again after pilots had been changed. These 3 Po-2s practiced formation flying at an altitude of 400 to 500 meters. When these aircraft landed 15 minutes later, the distance between the Po-2s was about one aircraft width. Then a PO-2 with sleeve target took off, made a local flight and dropped the target. Observation was terminated at about 1000, but air activity by PO-2s continued.

13 August. At about 0630, a twin-engine aircraft approached at an altitude of 800 to 1,000 meters from the southwest. When this plane had reached the air space over the Paretz-Niederneuendorfer Canal, 14 men with parachutes jumped out of the plane at intervals of 2 meters apart. When the first parachutist had fallen about 2 meters, the next parachutist jumped. Shortly after leaving the plane, a small parachute opened and, after descending another 10 to 15 meters, the main parachute opened. The plane made a left bank and headed toward the north after the last parachutist had bailed out. After about 20 minutes, another twin-engine plane was observed at the same altitude, coming from the same direction and another 14 parachutists bailed out over the same place. The same observations were made as previously. When the second plane had left the air space, a third aircraft arrived about 20 minutes later, and 14 men bailed out. When the sixth parachutist bailed out, the small parachute opened only after a fall of about 120 meters and the main parachute opened after another 20 meters. After the third plane had left the area, the fourth plane arrived and 10 men bailed out. The aircraft made a left bank, approached Schoenwalde airfield, and another 8 men jumped out of the plane. The latter aircraft headed toward the southwest. All parachutists used round chutes. In addition to the parachutists, an elongated box was dropped from the planes. These boxes presumably contained ammunition. 1

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Comment. Schoenwalde airfield is still occupied by about 6 PO-2s which were used for training flights and target representation. It is not known to which unit

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